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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have found shocking lapses in `safety and security aspects` as various airports in the country as reported in the `Hindustan Times` dated February 18, 2001;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether the security personnel posted at various airports are not equipped with latest equipment to handle any emergencies;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Government propose to overhaul the security systems at the various airports; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a) & (b) The news item refers to some of the areas of concern noticed in the existing security arrangements.

(c) & (d) Hand Held Metal Detector(HHMD), Door Frame Metal Detector(DFMD) and X-ray machines are required to help security personnel to carry out thorough inspection for detecting objectionable materials, which could be used for unlawful interference with civil aviation security. The Airports Authority of India has initiated a process to provide the latest equipment in a phased manner.

(e) & (f) To strengthen the security systems at various airports, Government has initiated various steps, which include induction of Central Industrial Security Force in a phased manner, introductionof ladder point frisking at airports, deployment of Sky Marshals on selected routes on random basis and arrangement for imparting comprehensive training to security staff and cockpit/cabin crew.